

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein, Selectman Dennis Tracey, Town Administrator Tom Landry, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, Director of Public Works Joe Lametta, Weston Residents

This meeting was recorded and videotaped. Copies are available in the Selectman's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Weinstein called the meeting to order at: 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Ms. Weinstein led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion/decision regarding the re-appointment of David Coprio to the Building Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2019

Mr. Coprio first explained that the Building Board of Appeals hears appeals from citizens with regard to decisions that the Building officials might have made. If at that time the person who made the appeal is not satisfied with the decision they go before the Code of Standards committee for the State, and if not happy with that, they can go to a Court of Appeals.

Mr. Coprio has been on the committee a long time and he's only heard one appeal. He is suggesting the committee meets once a year just to be familiar with what is going on and who is on the board.

Mr. Tracey moves to re-appoint David Coprio to the Building Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2019. Ms. Weinstein seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the re-appointment of Catherine Minter to the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire December 31, 2017

Mr. Tracey moves to re-appoint Catherine Minter to the Commission for Children & Youth for a term to expire December 31, 2017. Ms. Weinstein seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the re-appointment of Robert Nordlinger to the Board of Ethics for a term to expire December 31, 2016

Mr. Tracey moves to re-appoint Robert Nordlinger to the Board of Ethics for a term to expire December 31, 2016. Ms. Weinstein seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the re-appointment of Moira Relac to the Commission for Veteran's Affairs for a term to expire December 31, 2016

Mr. Tracey moves to re-appoint Moira Relac to the Commission for Veteran's Affairs for a term to expire December 31, 2016. Ms. Weinstein seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Ms. Weinstein adds that she would like to thank the Commission of Veteran's Affairs for putting together an outstanding Veteran's Day program. They worked with the Middle School this year; Peggy Jorgensen created an unbelievable program for the Veterans.

Discussion/decision regarding the DPW withdrawal from the vehicle sinking fund- Joe Lametta

Mr. Lametta explains the need for a purchase of a new truck and plow, replacing a 2004 GMC 7500 which will then be used as a spare. He has received bids for the new equipment, the best being a total of \$85,480.54 for the chassis (including some added options and a radio) and \$72,266.67 for a sander/plow. This bid is less than the State bid price.

The goal is to have this truck for next winter, as it takes 60-90 days to get this truck. These new trucks will provide better safety features for the DPW employees.

Ms. Weinstein also thanked Mr. Lametta and Mr. Landry for donating one of the trucks that was being taken off line, to the Board of Education for use in plowing their parking lots and roads.

In addition, Mr. Lametta is requesting funds of \$29,500 for a 2014/15 Ford Explorer for the Director of Public Works to replace a 2005 Explorer.

Ms. Weinstein moves that the BOS forward the request to the BOF for withdrawal from the vehicle sinking fund for 2 DPW vehicles at a total cost of \$187,247.21. Mr. Tracey seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding status and potential financing of Public Safety and Library capital initiatives - Gayle Weinstein

The Board wanted to review comparisons with other town's Police Departments and space needs. The comparisons show the number of square feet in each section of the police department in relation to the number of sworn officers.

Mr. Tracey states the only concerns that jumped out at him was the prisoner processing space and the patrol room. In comparison with the number of officers those numbers seemed too high when comparing to other PD's with many more officers. Ms. Weinstein will ask Mr. Humes to attend the next BOF meeting to discuss these numbers.

Discussion/decision of supplemental costs for the post-election audit totaling approximately \$3,125

Ms. Weinstein said that we were selected by the Secretary of State's office for a post-election audit. It is an unfunded mandate that the town of Weston had no recourse but to do. It occurred today, November 21, 2014. She wanted to thank all the poll workers that

came and helped. Their original projection was for \$3125.00. There actual cost was \$2875.00. Costs associated with this are for personnel (20 workers at \$100 per worker), food and beverages.

Ms. Weinstein makes a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2875.00 for the post-election audit. Mr. Tracey seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Request for Property Tax Refunds totaling \$4920.56

James Fagan	\$2372.44
Keith Stokes	\$21.92
Mercedes Benz	\$130.07
Honda Financial Services	\$314.28
Toyota Financial Services	\$408.29
Nissan Motor	\$487.47
VW Credit Leasing LTD	\$50.60
VW Credit	\$1135.49
TOTAL:	\$4920.56

Mr. Tracey moves to issue a property tax refund in the total amount of \$4920.56 in accordance with the listing on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Ms. Weinstein seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Open Items:

First Selectman's Update:

Ms. Weinstein said that she attended the 2nd COG meeting today and wanted to thank Margaret Wirtenberg for attending that meeting. The slate of officers was proposed and voted on today. Matt Knickerbocker from Bethel will continue on as Chair, Jamie Stevenson from Darien will be Vice President, Ms. Weinstein will be Treasurer, and Susan Chapman from New Fairfield will be Secretary. Ms. Weinstein also wants to thank Floyd Lapp for his many years of service as well as Margaret Wirtenberg who served as the Selectman's appointee for approximately 20 years. The COG did appoint a committee today to look at the possibility to have a regional planning commission, which would have similar planning functions that our SWRPA board had. Ms. Weinstein would like to have Margaret serve on that board if the opportunity comes along.

Ms. Weinstein also wants to thank Mr. Landry for putting together an application for a STEAP Grant which will go out tomorrow. This year we decided to apply to finish the Lachat House. If we get this grant, then it can go towards the completion of the house.

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Mr. Landry said there is a total \$190,000 identified expense item and the grant would cover half of that total.

Mr. Landry updated the Board on the status of the bridge repair at Godfrey Road West and Pent Road. It will probably happen in late March/early April. Bridge would most likely be closed for 10 weeks. Ms. Weinstein added that we got good news about two other bridges that we share with neighboring communities. One in Westport and one in Easton. The state sent John Conte, our Town Engineer, a letter saying that they would pay for 80% of the construction of new bridges. We are working with the other two communities now to see how we can get this going. Mr. Landry added these are the bridges on Cavalry and Old Redding Road.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting: none

Approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectman's meeting of October 22, 2014

Mr. Tracey requested that this be pushed off to our next BOS meeting as he didn't attend the October 22nd meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Randi Derene
Administrative Assistant

Approved: December 15, 2014